

## HISTORY OF JAMES RONALD OUGH

James Ronald Ough was born on the 24th day of May, 1906, to John Thomas Ough and Carolyn (Callie) Jane Marion Ough of Camas, Washington. He passed away on the 15th day of May, 1995, after a brief illness. He is survived by: 3 step granddaughters: Donna Archer, Elisa Boyle, and Kim Poulson, all of Washougal; 2 step grandsons: Danial Robinson, of Washougal, and Douglas Robinson, US Coastguard, stationed in San Francisco, CA; one cousin, Gracia Jones, of Vancouver; and 8 great-grandchildren.

*SON -* James grew up and attended school in Camas, playing on the football team even after dropping out of high school to go to work at the paper mill carrying water to the mill employees for about thirty-five cents a day. He had one brother, Thomas, and one sister, Esther. Both of them proceeded him in death.

In November 1945, James was honorably discharged from the Army of the United States. He had spent his time overseas helping to build bridges in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He received a Victory Medal, an American Theater Service Medal, an European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and, a Good Conduct Medal during his term of duty.

James was a retired foreman for Hoffman Construction. He was very proud to have helped to build the main office building of what is now James River Paper Mill, in Camas, and of his involvement with construction at the Camas High School, as well as, many large office buildings in Portland, Oregon.

After caring for his mother until her death in 1971, at age 65, James married Edna Ryan, an old childhood sweetheart. They lived together in Camas until her death in 1978. In 1979, James married Vennie Whiteley Davis. He instantly became the proud great grandfather to Vennie's six-week old great grandson, Danial. He would often comment that Danny was the child he never had and that he had not realized all he missed out on by not having any children of his own.

James was a member of the Laborers' International Union of North America, The American Legion, Cape Horn Skye Post 122, and both a charter member and life member of VFW, Camas/Washougal Post 4278. Over the years he had loved to go hunting and fishing with his friends. After marrying Vennie, they continued to take fishing trips until their health prevented it.

He was also very proud of his family heritage. He is a great grandson of Richard Ough, the first white settler in Washougal, and the Indian Princess "White Wing", affectionately known as Betsy Ough. The city of Washougal is built on a portion of the original Ough homestead. Ough Reef, located near Steamboat Landing, is named after this historic family and seems a fitting place for the remains of one of the last two Oughs living in Clark County.